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In re Application of :
Bruno Egner-Walter :
Application No.: 10/030,896 :
PCT No.: PCT/EP00/12768 :
Int. Filing Date: 15 December 2000 :
Priority Date: 07 January 2000 :
Attorney Docket No.: VEP-501-A :
For: Wiper Blade For Cleaning Glass Surfaces :
On Vehicles, Especially Motor Vehicles :

DECISION ON
PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

The petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed on 11 December 2001 in the above-captioned application is hereby **GRANTED** as follows:

The appropriate petition fee as required by 37 CFR 1.17(m) has been submitted.

All of the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) for revival have been submitted.

Applicants' statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional" is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) at the time of filing this petition.

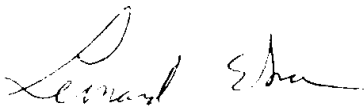
A review of the application papers filed 11 December 2001 reveals that the declaration of the inventor was unsigned and therefore the declaration of the inventor is not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a).

Since the international application has an international filing date after 08 June 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

Applicants' claim for priority is acknowledged. The application has an international filing date of 15 December 2000 under 35 U.S.C. 363.

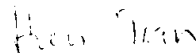
The request to revive the application abandoned under 35 U.S.C. 371(d) is granted as to the National Stage in the United States of America.

The application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division for processing in accordance with this decision, that is, for issuance of a "Notification of Missing Requirement" under 35 U.S.C. 371(c) and 37 CFR 1.494 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) to inform applicant that a signed declaration of the inventor must be filed in order to avoid abandonment of the application as to the National Stage in the United States of America.



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